

PROCLAMATION **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WEEK**SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 2, 2004

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DAY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

WHEREAS, this nation is kept strong and free by the loyal citizens who preserve our precious heritage through their positive declarations and actions; and

WHEREAS, our veterans have courageously answered their nation's call to service by defending our freedoms on foreign lands and then returning home to continue their service through community and veterans involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is celebrating 105 years of tradition, community service and advocacy for the rights and benefits of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to reaffirm their patriotism and allegiance to our flag and country, and honor the brave men and women who have served throughout our history, and those serving today, to protect and preserve our way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 26-October 2, 2004, **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WEEK** and September 29, 2004, **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State